## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		)
	Marc O. SCHURR et al.	) ) \
Application No.: 09/957,451		) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed:	September 21, 2001	) )   Examiner:  B. Pantuck \
For:	METHODS AND DEVICES FOR FOLDING AND SECURING TISSUE	) Confirmation No. 2507 )

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the final Office Action dated April 21, 2005, the response period to which has been extended to August 21, 2005 by the one-month Petition for Extension of Time and extension fee payment filed herewith, and the finality of which has been withdrawn by the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the application as provided below:

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this Response. **Remarks** follow the claim amendment section of this Response.